

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. The chapter has given more than \$90,000 to scholars, and raises these funds through the Josephine Elizabeth Seaton Franklin Foundation. The foundation provides academic scholarships and funds for community projects. Through her foundation she has worked diligently to cultivate the scholarship program for 44 years.

Dr. Franklin is the proud aunt of Maryland Delegate Marvin B. Holmes, Jr. Delegate Holmes was elected to the Maryland State Legislature in 2002 and currently serves on the House Environmental Matters Committee, is the Chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee and is the Deputy Majority Whip.

On her 80th birthday, I join with her community, friends, and family in saluting her for devoting her time and talents to make our country a better place to live. This gracious lady has unselfishly dedicated herself to educational and humanitarian causes. On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank and congratulate Dr. Franklin.

HONORING THE ALFRED E. ZAMPELLA P.S. SCHOOL NO. 27 IN JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY ON BEING NAMED A "HEART OF GOLD" AWARD WINNER

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2007

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Alfred E. Zampella School (formerly Public School No. 27) in Jersey City, New Jersey. This renowned school is named after my good friend and constituent, Alfred "Al" E. Zampella, a lifelong resident of Jersey City and for 27 years, the Principal of Public School No. 27. As a former teacher and principal, Al was a guiding force in the lives of thousands of students as he encouraged them to remain in school and use their formal education to succeed in life.

Al retired in 1990 and on November 7, 1996, Public School No. 27 was formally dedicated as the Alfred E. Zampella P.S. No. 27 in his honor. Today the school continues the outstanding and acclaimed work started by Al Zampella, and the school recently received the prestigious "Heart of Gold" Award from Mission: Kindness International, Inc./Statewide Kindness Awareness Campaign for 53,926 "Acts of Kindness" performed by 1,040 students and teachers.

Among these generous "Acts of Kindness" were school projects and fundraisers to benefit UNICEF, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, March of Dimes, the Leukemia Foundation, the American Heart Association, and countless other programs made possible by the selfless participation and volunteerism of the students and teachers at the Alfred Zampella School. They are very deserving of our congratulations and recognition for their altruistic spirit.

I am very pleased to offer this well-deserved tribute to my good friend, Al, and to the students and faculty at the Alfred E. Zampella School P.S. No. 27 in Jersey City for the "Acts of Kindness" they performed in their school and community.

Not only is Al a member of many boards and organizations in Northern New Jersey, he also continues to serve the people of Jersey City as one of my staff assistants and Jersey City liaison. I am pleased to join with his beloved wife, Jaclyn; his sons Edward, Walter and Gary, and his six grandchildren in applauding the spirit of kindness started by this exceptional individual.

It is only fitting that the school named in his honor was awarded such a distinguished award. My very best wishes to all the students and faculty at the Alfred E. Zampella School P.S. No. 27.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2007

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, on Friday, June 22, 2007, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 544. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on agreeing to H. Res. 502, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2771, Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY 2008.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES PRATHER JONTZ

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2007

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, in the 190 years since Indiana achieved statehood, many well-educated, aspiring individuals from the Ohio River to Lake Michigan have represented its citizens. Perhaps none of them came to Washington more dedicated to the ideal of representing the common man than James Prather Jontz. I rise today to honor his life and service to Indiana.

Jim was born in Indianapolis in 1951, graduated from Indiana University in less than three years, completed graduate work at Purdue University and was an instructor at Butler University. His political career was sparked by his opposition to a dam building project in Central Indiana, and at the age of 23, he became a member of the Indiana House of Representatives. After representing his district for ten years, he was elected to the Indiana Senate where he established a reputation for standing up for his convictions.

In 1986, Jim was elected to The United States House of Representatives where he served three terms. In Congress, Jim fought for his constituency's issues. Jim valued his own college education and he did what he could to promote college attainment in a state that long has trailed the national average on college attainment. He served on the House Agriculture Committee and worked to develop a new farm bill to benefit his district's farmers. He worked for our service members and national security needs by overseeing the transition of the Grissom Air Force Base to the Grissom Air Reserve Base.

During his tenure Jim sought and secured federal funding for the first steps of the Hoosier Heartland Corridor, one of Indiana's most important highway projects. This project was stalled in the construction phase for nearly 20 years, but, because of his efforts, it was designated as one of 21 national priority corridors. Today, land acquisition is proceeding for the completion of the final 40 miles of that corridor.

Jim might be best remembered for championing environmental causes. He worked to protect the Pacific Northwest's old-growth forests and to foster collaboration between organized labor and environmentalists. His work on behalf of our natural resources and environment drew national attention.

Following Jim's tenure in the House, he continued advocating for the environment while serving as President of Americans for Democratic Action from 1998 to 2002. He moved to Oregon to work with forest preservation groups. Jim's final project was leading Working Families Win, an effort to raise the minimum wage and improve health care for the uninsured. His dedication to his fellow Americans continued until his death earlier this year.

Jim Jontz raised the bar for civic engagement, both for his peers and his constituents. He raised awareness about many important issues. For the people of his district, he raised their expectations that one man can make a difference in so many areas of our society. Today, on behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I honor James Jontz for his years of unselfish dedication to his district, his state and his country.

IN MEMORY OF CONSTANCE GOINES

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Constance Goines. Mrs. Constance Goines, age 60, passed away Tuesday, June 19, 2007.

Mrs. Goines was the beloved principal of Van Zandt Guinn Elementary School, located in the 26th Congressional District of Texas. Her work was dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming atmosphere for students who came from struggling families but had a desire to learn in their hearts. Under her fine leadership, the campus developed a reputation for helping students perform at high academic levels despite their social challenges.

Her commitment to education, to students and to the entire community were evident throughout her life. It is my hope that she will be remembered for her compassion and that others will follow her lead.

Mrs. Constance Goines is survived by her husband of 33 years, Conley R. Goines of Fort Worth; a daughter, Kelly D. Mirtia of Fort Worth; and a brother, Larry G. English of Chicago.

It was an honor to represent Mrs. Constance Goines in Washington.